MR. A. S DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know the period within which these applications had to be given?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Within one month.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether representations have been received that the period prescribed was too short?

MR C V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the applicants, who applied subsequent to the time-limit, asked for the delay being excused?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether they were excused?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): In cases in which the reasons given are found to be satisfactory, they will also be included in the waiting list.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether those applications have been disposed of?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I have already said that they are under investigation.

MR. K R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether any information has been called for from the institutions in which they have acted?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, Sir.

Fee concession to Muslim Girls.

292. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether, in departmental Vernacular and English Schools of the State, fees are being realised from Muslim girls?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether Government have received any complaints or representations on the subject?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, Sir.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether the Director has made any enquiry?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayikil II*): May I know the result of the enquiry made by the Director of Public Instruction?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Reports have been called for from the Divisional Inspectors but no reports have yet been received.

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MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know when he called for the reports?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): About 10 or 15 days ago when I received the question.

Fee concession to Muslim Girls.

933. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether Muslim girls are exempted from paying fee in all the schools of the State?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether Government are aware that Muslim girls are far behind in point of education?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The question is vague, Sir.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Far behind the others.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) They do not lag behind the depressed classes.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Sir, I did not ask any question about the depressed classes. I am only concerned with Muslim girls.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): They are admittedly backward in education.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know why Government are not allowing fee concession to Muslim girls in non-departmental schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): In non-departmental schools, the fee concession scheme is optional. Government cannot under the present rules compel any manager to adopt the fee concession scheme. But invariably they give fee concession.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether Government are aware that the managers of non-departmental schools relise full or half fee from Muslim girls?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): As I said, Sir, I have received no complaints on the matter. I think they receive the same concession in non-departmental schools as in the departmental schools.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): The answer to the question is in the negative. Then, how can I take it that they get the concession?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The answer is in the negative because in the case of non-departmental schools the managers have liberty in the matter.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether the Education Reforms Committee have recommended the giving of full fee concession in all schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I presume so, Sir.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): What action have Government taken in the matter?

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